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NEBRASKA DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION ANNOUNCES PUBLIC COMMENT MEETINGS IN FIVE CITIES FOR INPUT ON DRAFT SOCIAL STUDIES STANDARDS

Internet survey continues to be open for public comment as well.

The State Board of Education and the Nebraska Department of Education will hold meetings by videoconferencing from five Nebraska cities on Thurs., Nov. 15, to provide another opportunity for the public and educators to comment on revised state social studies standards.

Individuals are invited to comment via videoconferencing beginning at 10 a.m. CST (9 a.m. MST) and 6:30 p.m. CST (5:30 p.m. MST) at the following sites:

- **Kearney:** Educational Service Unit #10, 76 Plaza Blvd., Conference Room C.
- **Lincoln:** Nebraska Department of Education, 301 Centennial Mall South, 6th Floor, State Board Room.
- **La Vista:** Educational Service Unit #3, 6949 South 110th St., Sarpy/Washington Room.
- **Scottsbluff:** Harms Technology Center, 1601 East 27th St., Room E189.
- **Wakefield:** Educational Service Unit #1, 211 10th St., Conference Room A.

The meetings will be available for viewing only by live streaming from a link on the Nebraska Department of Education's homepage at: <http://www.education.ne.gov/>.

The oral comment time may be extended if necessary to allow as many individuals to speak as possible. The comment periods, however, may be shortened if all individuals present at the site have spoken. Individuals are encouraged to be present at the opening of the meetings. Everyone will be allowed to speak once and asked to limit their comments to five minutes. Individuals also may submit written comments by mail to Standards Input, Nebraska Department of Education, 301 Centennial Mall South, Lincoln, NE, 68509 or by email at nde.standardsinput@nebraska.gov. To be considered, all comments must be received no later than Nov. 28.

As previously announced, the draft social studies standards as well as an Internet survey to allow public comment has been available since Oct. 29 and will continue to be open for comments until noon on Nov. 28 at: <http://www.education.ne.gov/standardssurvey/>.

The draft social studies standards focus on what students should know and be able to do at specific grade levels.

All comments at the public meeting or submitted through the survey will be provided to the Nebraska State Board of Education for consideration. The State Board of Education is scheduled to consider final approval of the revised social studies standards tentatively on Dec. 7.